Weekly Bulletin

W/E 02/10/2026

Autumn 2026/2027

PE Days Reminder

Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day (except EYFS).

PE Days:

FS2: Friday

Class 1: Thursday

Class 2: Monday

Class 3: Wednesday

Class 4: Wednesday (swimming)

Class 5: Tuesday

Class 6: Thursday

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

R: 95.7%

Y1: 94.3%

Y2: 95.1%

Y3: 99.2%

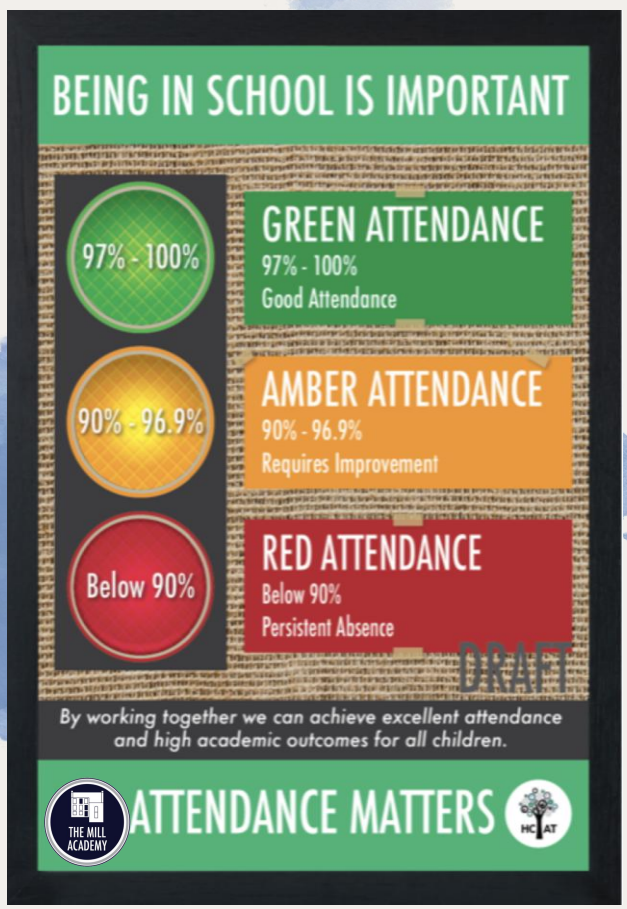
Y4: 93.2%

Y5: 94.6%

Y6: 94.2%

Whole school:94.9%





School Information & Trips

Reception to Y6 Flu Nasal Consent

Please click on the link as detailed below to consent for your child's flu vaccine:

https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/3GrzjrlnAM/flu/start

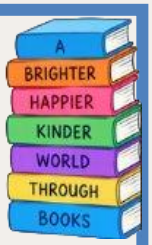
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Friday 9th October

On Mental Health Day, we encourage everyone to take a moment to focus on their wellbeing. It's important to remember that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. Let's be kind to ourselves and others and remember that it's okay to ask for help when needed. 💚



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK!



We are delighted to announce that our School Book Fair will be arriving next week!

All children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the school day to browse the exciting range of books on offer.

The book fair will be open from **3:30-4:00PM each day!**

GIRLS NETBALL

On Friday 9th October, some of our YEAR 3and YEAR 4 girls will be have the exciting opportunity to represent The Mill Academy at Kirk Balk Academy Netball.

A selection of pupils will be chosen to take part. Parents and carers of selected children will be contacted early next week with further information and asked to provide consent via Arbor.

The school netball kit will be provided. Please make sure your child brings their PE shorts with them in case a spare pair is needed.

We're looking forward to another fantastic opportunity for our children to represent The Mill Academy!



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Small Readers Big Dreams

Good Books Brighter Futures

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AFTER-SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

3:30pm – 4:00pm
each day

DESIGNATED DAYS

To help reduce congestion, each key stage has been allocated a specific day to visit.

Monday afternoon:	EYFS
Tuesday afternoon:	KS1
Wednesday afternoon:	Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4)
Thursday afternoon:	Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

The following Monday and Tuesday will be available for any last-minute purchases.

CAN'T MAKE YOUR DESIGNATED DAY?

If you are only able to attend on one afternoon and it is not your child's designated day, please do not worry. You are very welcome to visit the Book Fair on any of the available afternoons.

WHY VISIT?


Discover exciting new books


Encourage a love of reading


Get ahead with Christmas shopping


Support reading in our school



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please do not send money into school with your child.

Children will not need any money during the school day. Any purchases should be made during the after-school opening times.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support.
The School Team



School Remembrance

PHOTO REQUEST

Please bring in photos of any family members who fought in the war, or who are currently serving in the military.

DEADLINE:
Monday 19th October 2026



Help us honour their service and sacrifice.

THE MILL ACADEMY
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day is a learning day.

SEPTEMBER

Class breakfast treat

At the end of September, the class with the highest attendance will enjoy a special class breakfast treat!



OCTOBER

Halloween hampers

Pupils whose attendance meets our 97% target will be entered into a draw to win one of four Halloween hampers. In the final three days of term, we will reveal one surprise each day!



NOVEMBER

Mystery box

Attend school throughout November for the chance to open our mystery box and discover a surprise!



DECEMBER

Countdown to Christmas

Each school day in the build-up to Christmas brings a new daily event for children who are in school.



Inspire, Achieve & Grow

Our attendance target: **97%**

After school clubs

A polite reminder to book your child onto a club in advance to avoid disappointment. Our afterschool clubs run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm and cost £1 per session.





Monday

- Lego/Building

Tuesday

- Drawing

Wednesday

- Dodgeball



Thursday

- Young Voices
- Board Games

A reminder that the hall will be unavailable from 3:30pm to 4:00pm while the Book Fair is running. As a result, there are some temporary changes to after-school clubs:

•Monday: Gymnastics will not run. Lego Club only.

•Tuesday: Dance will not run. Drawing Club only.

•Wednesday: Dodgeball will not run this week; it will be ICT Club instead.

•Thursday: Board Games Club and Young Voices will run as usual.

Children who are already booked onto a club that is not running will attend the alternative club taking place that day.

Key Dates

October 2026

Tuesday 6th October – Tuesday 13th October
School book fair in the hall from 3:30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 7th October
EYFS parent workshop. 9am – 9.30am. Book available via the Arbor shop

Friday 9th October
World Mental Health Day. Further information will be sent via email.

W/c 19th October
Y5 Bikeability

Monday 19th October
Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 20th October – NEW EVENT
Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival
9am – 9:45am in the school hall. Please book via Arbor trips.

Tuesday 20th October – NEW EVENT
Parents evening from 15:40 in the school hall. Booking available via Arbor on **Monday 28th September.**

Tuesday 20th October – NEW EVENT
Pumpkin Carving Competition opens. Entries will be judged on Wednesday 21st October. More information will be sent via email.

Wednesday 21st October – NEW EVENT
Nursery and Reception Scarecrow workshop from 9:10am in the school hall. Please book via Arbor under trips.

Wednesday 21st October
Halloween Disco. Book available via the Arbor shop. £3 per ticket. Crisps, sweets and juice will be served.
FS2 and KS1 3pm – 4pm.
KS2 4:30pm – 5.30pm

November 2026

Monday 9th November
School Photographs

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Monday 9th – Friday 13th November
Anti-bullying week

Friday 20th November
Children in Need

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Thursday 22nd October 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 25th June 2027



Applying for a Secondary School

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, it's time to apply for a school place for your child to start in Secondary school from September 2027.

The closing date to apply for a place 31 October 2026.

How to apply

The easiest way to apply is online at **barnsley.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissions** or scan the QR Code.

Select Secondary School Places, then click on the apply online link.





Admission to School Guide

Please read the Admission to School Guide which includes important information about applying for your preferred schools.

If you have not received admissions information from your child's primary school, please email admissions@barnsley.gov.uk.

BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

BARNSLEY DRUMMERS

Come and be a part of our energetic youth drumming group! Whether you are a complete beginner or have some experience, everyone is welcome. You will get the chance to play with other musicians, improve your drumming skills and perform at concerts and events.

Samba Drumming - African Drumming - And more!
All Instruments Provided - Age 5 to 18






If you would like to join us please call the number below or email matthewtownsend@barnsley.gov.uk

Barnsley Civic in the Hanson Room
Mondays term time 4:45pm - 5:45pm

Membership is £30 per school term

FOLLOW US **@barnsleydrummers**



Barnsley Music Service

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Barnsley Civic, Hanson Street
S70 2HZ, 01226 291525



THE MILL ACADEMY

COMMUNICATIONS

ARBOR

Arbor is our chosen method to communicate with parents. Wherever possible please download the app. All Teachers and office members have access to the email function. The school bulletin is always sent out every Friday via Arbor and is on the school website for your convenience.

Arbor

SEESAW

Seesaw

Seesaw is used by Class Teachers for sharing home learning. Spellings and home learning tasks will be visible here as well as school work where Seesaw has been used.

BULLETIN

Our weekly-Bulletin holds useful information such as near future workshops, trips, clubs and any activities in school. The bulletin is sent out every Friday evening. This is sent out via email. You can access the bulletin in the main reception and is updated every week.

TELEPHONE

Staff are always contactable via telephone, if they are teaching or in a meeting, please leave a message on the answer phone and we will always get back to you. Remember to contact school via telephone if your child is going to be absent and leave a message by pressing 1.

THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 1

Week 1 — Week Commencing: 31/08/26 & 28/09/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Bolognese	Breakfast Muffin	Chicken Fillets & Yorkshire Puddings	Quorn Dipper Wrap	Fishcake
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Bolognese	Vegetarian Breakfast Muffin	Quorn Fillet	Cheese & Onion Roll	Quiche
Served with	Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn	Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy	Homemade Wedges & Baked Beans	Chips, Peas & Carrots
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard	School Cake	Malt Loaf	Chocolate Cookies	Frozen Yoghurts

Unlimited fresh salad/vegetables/crusty bread available from the refrigerated salad bar daily
A selection of fresh fruit/cheese, crackers & yogurts available daily
Water available daily.
Food allergies and intolerances: information can be obtained by talking to staff.
Where a diet plan can be arranged to suit dietary requirements.

All our meat is locally sourced wherever possible from Yorkshire and UK farm assured.
All vegetables are fresh from a local supplier. All fish used in our dishes are from sustainable sources.
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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 2

Week 2 — Week Commencing: 07/09/26 & 05/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Lasagne	Pork Hot Dog & Onions	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Puddings	Hunters Chicken	Battered Jumbo Fishfingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Lasagne	Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Quorn Burger	Quorn Fillet	Cheesy Pasta
Served with	Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn	Croquettes & Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Mix	Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Jacket Potato/Pasta	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Ginger Cake & Toffee Sauce	Raspberry Buns	Malt Loaf	Rice Pudding & Jam	Decorated Tray Bake

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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 3

Week 3 — Week Commencing: 14/09/26 & 12/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Meatball Sub	Chilli Con Carne	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Puddings	All Day Breakfast	Battered Fish
Vegetarian Option	Quorn Sausage	Quorn Mince	Quorn Fillet	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Tomato Pasta Bake
Served with	Homemade Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn	Rice, Peas & Carrots	Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Chips, Peas & Carrots
Jacket Potato/Pasta	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Muffins	Apple Crumble & Custard	Malt Loaf	Flapjack	Cheesecake

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THE MILL ACADEMY MENU WEEK 4

Week 4 — Week Commencing: 21/09/26 & 19/10/26

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Pizza	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Puddings	Mild Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Pizza	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun	Quorn Sausage	Vegetarian Quorn Curry	Macaroni Cheese
Served with	Homemade Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas	Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Peas & Sweetcorn Medley	New potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn	Chips, Mushy Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pasta with Pasta Sauce	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Dessert	Chocolate Muffins	Flapjack	Malt Loaf	Strawberry Mousse	Fruit Ice-cream

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